

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Hikaru OSADA ) : Examiner: Q. Grainger  
Application No.: 10/086,735 ) : Group Art Unit: 2852  
Filed: March 4, 2002 ) :  
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS ) February 7, 2003  
HAVING SPEED-CHANGEABLE )  
IMAGE BEARING BODY )

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LETTER REQUESTING CLARIFICATION OF OFFICE ACTION

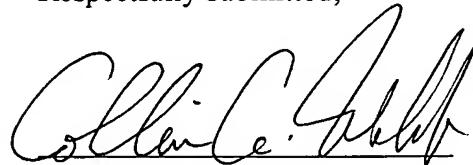
Sir:

An Office Action dated November 7, 2002, has been received in the above-identified application that indicates that Claims 1, 5 and 9 are rejected "as being anticipated by Oyamada." (See Office Action, page 2, paragraph 5). However, there is no document of record in which an Oyamada is listed as an inventor. Because the nature of the rejection is unclear, Applicant is unable to adequately respond to the Office Action.

Applicant's representative's repeated attempts to resolve the issue over the phone since receiving the Office Action have not proved fruitful. Accordingly, Applicant's representative hereby formally requests clarification of the November 7, 2002, Office Action by the issuance of a new Office Action with a new time period for reply or a supplemental Office Action.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY  
FILED INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of an Office Action dated November 7, 2002, including as an attachment a Form PTO-1449, which was filed March 4, 2002, and has been initialed by the Examiner indicating her consideration of the document cited therein. However, no indication has been made that an Information Disclosure Statement filed August 7, 2002, has been considered.

Therefore, Applicant requests the Examiner to initial and return a copy of the Form PTO-1449 filed August 7, 2002.

For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the August 7, 2002, Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with the date-stamped, return postcard indicating that such was filed.

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Sir:

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the accompanying:

- Response to Official Action. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Petition under 37 CFR 1.136 and Check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and 22 (Twenty Two) documents  
 Claim for priority and certified copies of \_\_\_\_\_ priority applications  
 Issue fee transmittal and Check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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